DEV): (a) 40 exchanges were proposed to be modernised in the current plan period. Out of this 11 exchanges have already been modernised and the rest will be done during the remaining period of the plan. Names of these exchanges are given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(b) The total financial outlay for Andhra Pradesh State including Vijayawada and Hyderabad Telephone districts for the 7th plan excluding long distance media is about Rs. 266 crores;

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of exchange
1	Kavali
2	Ravulapalem
3	Tanuku
4	Eluru
5	Nizamabad
6	Anaparthi
7	Tuni
8	Kothagudem
9	Armoor
10	Ramachandrapuram
11	Balacheruvu
12	Gooty
13	Kovur
14	Vishakhapatnam (Industrial Estate)
15	Renigunta
16	Amalapuram
17	Hindupur
18	Amadalavalasa
19	Badhan
20	Vuyyuru
21	Yemmiganur
22	Bhadrachalam
23	Tadpatri
24	Jadcherla
25	Kodad
26	Madavandlapalli
27	Narasapur
28	Bellampalli

Replacement of the following exchanges by electronic systems has been approved recently :

29	Bhongir
30	Mandapeta
31	Medak
32	Nirmal
33	Dubbak
34	Gowraram
35	Narayankhed
36	Shantinagar

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37	Hyderabad-Golconda
38	Jeedimetla
39	Sarcor Nagar
40	Rajinder Nagar.

Fixation of Railway Fares

1835. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what factors are taken into consideration while fixing the Railway fares indicating how much of it goes to meet the expenses incurred on various amenities for railway passengers and on other items; and

(b) what amenities are provided by the Railways to the passengers in usual course ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The passenger fares are fixed taking into account the totality of service provided and there are no separate identifiable constituents

(b) Apart from accommodation in the train, the amenities provided to passengers usually include waiting halls, waiting rooms, drinking water, benches on the platforms, toilet, etc. at the stations.

Number of companies marketing spurious and substandard drugs

s1836. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number and name of companies identified by Food and Drugs Administration during the years 1986 and 1987 for dumping in the market sub-standard, mis-branded spurious drugs in the market; and

(b) what action has been taken against the erring companies the number of cases decided and the pending cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act relating to manufacture and sale of drugs are administered by the licensing/controlling authorities appointed by the State Governments in their respective States. Whenever any sample of a licensed drug manufacturer is found to be misbranded/sub-standard, necessary action in the matter is taken by the Licensing/Controlling Authorities as per the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetic Rules.

As soon as information about drugs banned by Government of India or spurious drugs moving in the market is received, investigation is taken up by the Drug Control Machinery and action is taken to launch prosecution if a *prima facie* case exists. State Governments have been requested to establish intelligence cells and strengthen their Drugs Control Machinery for this purpose.

As per the information available out of 28,382 samples tested during 1986-87, 4,066 samples were found sub-standard. As per the information available during 1986-87, 1,011 prosecutions were launched. Out of 664 prosecutions decided during 1986-87 there were convictions in 428 cases and acquitals as 236 cases.

Union Carbide Relief to the Bhopal Gas victims through IRCS

1837. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rs. 6 crores have been received from the Union Carbide Company at the behest of U.S. Federal Court for relief to the victims of Bhopal gas tragedy!

(b) whether this amount is being channelised through Indian Red Cross Society; and

(c) if so, what arrangements have been made to see the relief has reached the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c). No money has been received from the Union Carbide Company for relief to the Bhopal gas victims. The Indian Red Cross Society, however, received contributions from agencies abroad worth Rs. 5,54,70,521.74 as details given below:

League of Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies	Rs. 39,86,551.39
American Red Cross	Rs. 5,09,09,813.00
Others	Rs. 5,74,157.35
TOTAL	Rs. 5,54,70,521.74

These funds are being utilised for the maintenance of the four Red Cross Static and Mobile Medical Health Units in support of gas victims and allied welfare programmes.